(a) the amount spent on the implementation of the Health and Family Welfare Schemes during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1992-93 till 31st May, 1992 State-wise indicating whether the targets fixed for the said period were achieved ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether Government propose to amend the Representation of People Act so that persons who are not following the norms of family planning would be debarred in future for taking part in voting for general elections in the country, if so, by when ; and

(d) if not, what other disincentives Government propose to bring forward for controlling the population growth ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a)and(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) The matter is under consideration.

Conference on radiology and imaging in Delhi

2128. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the conference on radiology and imaging organised in Delhi recently ; and

(b) if so, what are the latest developments in radiology and imaging techniques for general health and welfare of the public at large ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The latest technique of Ultrasound, Mammography, Whole Body CT Scanning, Magnetic Re-xonance Imaging, Digital Subtration Techniques, are being extensively used for diagnosis and treatment follow up in many disorders specially in early cancer detection and management.

Compulsory sterilisation cases

2129. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that target compulsions on implementing authorities for sterilisation of eligible couples under Family Welfare Schemes lead to unpleasant practices such as sterilising unmarried persons, old men, and invalid beggers ;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to prevent such malpractices ; and

(c) whether Government have detected such cases and if so, what steps are being taken to punish the defaulters ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) The National Family Welfare Programme is being implemented purely on a voluntary basis. The implementation of the programme rests with the States/Union Territories. Targets in respect of Family Planning Programmes including Sterilisation are being fixed on annual basis in consultation with the States/ Union Territories and keeping in view the trend of performances in the past and long term demographic goals. While achievements against the targets fixed are monitored, no compulsions are imposed on the States/Union Territories.